

26/1/2018 Year 6 Politics lesson

On the 26th of January 2018, Dr Honeyman travelled to Green Lane Primary Academy to talk to Birch class about politics. She started off by asking what they knew about it already. She got answers such as: 'Donald Trump is the President of America' and 'Theresa May is the Prime Minister of the UK'. She then asked what we knew about Political Parties and what parties there are. The first parties that came to people's minds were the Labour Party and the Conservative Party. Although there are others - such as UKIP and the Liberal Democrats – she asked us to focus on the Labour Party and the Conservative Party.

She told us that the Labour Party was focussed on the education of children. Mrs Honeyman also informed us that Jeremy Corbyn (although being the party leader) had never been Prime Minister, which surprised us all. The best fact for the Labour Party though, was that Tony Blair was Prime Minister from 1997 – 2007. The colour that the Labour Party is recognised by is red and their symbol is a red rose. Ed Miliband used to work for them.

The Conservatives on the other hand, are recognised by the colour blue and have the symbol of a tree, which represented the fact they were all about doing the best for the environment. They are the oldest party after being established in the 1700s. David Cameron was Prime Minister from 2010 until 2016 as he resigned after the country voted to leave the EU. Margret Thatcher was the first female Prime Minister and was in this position from 1979 until 1990. The current Prime Minister – Theresa May – is currently in a minority government, which means that she doesn't have enough MPs to overrule other parties. Boris Johnson is the foreign secretary. Alec Shellbrook is the MP for our area.

UKIP is the only party that doesn't have any seats in the House of Commons Dr Honeyman stated. She also said the main 5 parties are: Labour, Conservative, Liberal Democrats, the Green Party and UKIP. Other parties include: SNP, Plaid Cymru, DUP and Sinn Fein. The SNP are a Scottish party, Plaid Cymru is a Welsh party and DUP and Sinn Fein are both Irish parties.

The colour that represents the Liberal Democrats is yellow. Their symbol is a bird. For the Green Party, they are recognised as being the colour green. UKIP's colours are purple and yellow and SNP is yellow and black. The Green Party's leader is Caroline Lucas and the Liberal Democrats' is Vince Cable. The Democrats were first known as WHIGS then the LIBERALS and now the Liberal Democrats.

The Prime Minister lives on the top floor of 10 Downing Street as the other two floors are offices. The man who handles all the money lives next door to the Prime Minister on the top floor of eleven Downing Street.

Thank you to Dr Honeyman for taking time out of her day to come and tell us all of these amazing facts.

